

GREEN SPURS LABOR BOYCOTT AGAINST JAPANESE PRODUCTS

**Asks Three and One-Half Million A. F. of L. Member
to Register Opposition to War by Refusing to Buy
Goods Made in Japan and Urges Mobilization of
Merchants in All Communities to Bar Sale of Such
Articles.**

Washington, D. C.—A national boycott of Japanese goods in protest against the "indefensible war" waged by the Government of Japan against the Chinese people was urged by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in conformity with the action taken by the recent annual

He asked the three and one-half million members of the American Federation of Labor to:

- ONE—Refuse to buy Japanese goods.
- TWO—Organize boycott committees in the central labor unions of each city to call on merchants and request them to refuse to sell or offer for sale merchandise made in Japan.

Stressing the brutal and utterly indefensible nature of the war method

Mr. Green said he had recently had an opportunity to observe personally the enthusiasm which labor organizations in some communities are enforcing the boycott. Among them he mentioned East Liverpool, Ohio, center of the America ceramic industry, which has been seriously affected by Japanese

Japanese merchandise to emphasize their resentment against Japan.

**COTTON COMPRESS UNION
GAINS HIGHER PAY PACT**

First Agreement With Birmingham Firm Also Grants Time and One-

By A. F. of L. News Service.

Birmingham, Ala.,—Members of Cotton Compress Workers A. F. of L. Federal Local Union No. 21311, learned

...wage boost of seven cents an hour in a contract recently signed here with the Southeastern Compress & Warehouse Company, which is now in full effect. Minimum rates were raised from 50 to

Women and Children Killed
The air raids which are being made upon Chinese cities and upon defenseless homes, women and children resulting in great loss of life and great destruction of property, have shocked the

allowing for "variability, competency and efficiency" were established, along with many other concessions by way of improved working conditions, and provided for in the contract, which is the first secured by these workers. The contract extends to November 19, 1935.

Annual Wage For Mechanics Employed On New Housing Plan Approved

A. F. of L. President Declares That Abolition of Hourly Wage Rates Would Defeat the Purpose of the Home Building Program

By A. F. of L. News Service.

an annual wage be substituted for present hourly rates for workers in the building industry in connection with the plan for reducing construction cost of housing was voiced by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, at the hearing held by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on the bill to amend the National Housing Act of 1934 in accordance with the new program.

000,000 to \$16,000,000,000 of private capital into the housing industry, President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, said the drive for cheaper housing will depend mainly on the willingness of industry and labor to cooperate in putting housing costs with the reach of the mass of the people, the goal being large-scale production at lower cost to the consumer.

"This will mean," President Roosevelt said, "a larger annual wage for

In his statement before the Senate Committee, Mr. Green analyzed a length various elements entering the cost of housing and declared that the greatest deterrent to housing at reasonable prices is the high cost of finance.

Turning to the contribution which building trades mechanics can make to the housing program, Mr. Green flatly and with convincing logic opposed the suggestion "that for such mechanics an annual wage should be put into effect to serve as a basis for lowering of construction costs."

He held that the proposal would not remedy the unemployment problem in the building industry, that it would seriously weaken the wage structure of the building industry and that it would build construction costs into the cost of the building.

create social discontent and that the net saving in construction costs would be infinitesimal.

TEXT OF GREEN'S STATEMENT

Following is the text of that portion of Mr. Green's statement before the Senate Banking and Currency

change would be necessary in the complex system of operating methods and relationships firmly established in the industrial situation and the

ONE—Any reduction in building costs resulting from the operation of an annual wage plan will, in practice, be

bound to be offset by increased overhead and operating charges.

TWO—Wage determination of building labor is a purely local problem which cannot be dealt with on any national basis but must be handled locally.

Let us consider each of these points.

SAYING WOULD BE SMALL

A 25-th percent of nothing through the

FOUR—In order to put any such formula in effect a drastic and violent



